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PROPAGATION: April 23, 24, 25, High Normal; Apr. 26, High/Low Normal; Apr. 27, Low/High Normal; Apr. 28, High/Above Normal; Apr. 29, Above Normal; Apr. 30, May 1, High Normal; May 2, High/Low Normal; May 3, 4, Low/Below Normal (radio storm). TNX N4XX.

Note: Please don't forget to mail in your DX Census yellow sheet by April 30.
If you have sent a check to extend your subscription, thanks! We will notify all extenders of their new expiration date sometime after April 30.

JAMES R. FISK, W1HR

Jim Fisk, W1HR, Editor-in-Chief of *Ham Radio* and *Ham Radio Horizons*, passed away Friday, April 18, 1980, of an apparent heart attack. He was 45 years old. Jim had suffered another heart attack last year but had been back on the job and active on the amateur bands since that time.

W1HR will be remembered for the contributions he made to the state of the amateur radio technical art, both directly and indirectly as Editor-in-Chief of amateur radio's premier technical magazine.

The DX Bulletin extends condolences to W1HR's family and to his co-workers at Ham Radio Publishing. Below is a note received here penned by Jim the day before his death:

"To The DX Bulletin:

"The DX stations available during the past 24-36 hours has really been hard to believe. At one point late last night SV1JG/A, TZ4AQS and FH0FLP were QRMing one another just below 14200! And it's been a long time since I worked three new ones in the space of a few hours...would have worked VK0KH, too, but he's supposed to come up again tonight.

"I have now worked the necessary contacts for 5B-DXCC, but am still short a few cards on 40 and 80 Meters. As a matter of fact, my countries count on 80 is actually higher than on 15, but only because I haven't had time to get my beam up on the tower.

"So far as DX is concerned, April, 1980 has been a month to remember! But damn, I missed KP2A from 8Q7..."

73, Jim Fisk, W1HR

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It has been an incredible past couple of weeks for DXing. Here's a run-down:

GLORIOSO,,, Five German hams (see Issue 30) appeared from Glorioso Friday, April 18, signing FR0ACB/G (CW) and FR0ACC/G (SSB). They have been worked on 14025, 21025, 28025, 14195, 21295 and 28505. Low band operation is apparently in progress. We understand the group intends 9-10 days of operation, so they may still be on when you read this. They have five transceivers, two beams, two groundplanes, and are using battery power. The batteries require six hours to recharge. The group's European liaison phoned to inform us that the proper papers from French authorities are in hand at this time. QSL to:

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Federal Republic of Germany

MAYOTTE,,, The German group (above) made a brief stop at Mayotte, operating FH0FLP, FH0ACB, and also apparently signing the call of resident FH8OM for a while. This operation ran from about April 12 until the departure for Glorioso on the 16th. QSL to DK9KD (above).

COMOROS,,, Next stop for the Germans should be the Comoro Islands, where they will sign D68AS. This operation will begin about two days after close-down from Glorioso. No word on their plans for Geyser Reef (see Issue 34), but speculation is that they have decided against Geyser since there is little chance it would be granted country status (again). QSLs for D68AS to DK9KD.

MT. ATHOS,,, SV1JG and SV1IW/A began operating from Mt. Athos on April 16; they have been worked on 10, 15 and 20 SSB only, with signals in North America generally weak. We heard them say QSL to Box 3751, Athens. Their plans were to operate for about one week.

COCOS ISLAND TI9,,, The third unannounced operation from Cocos in the past six weeks took place the weekend of April 12-13, with the callsigns TI9s CF, CC, JVA and XXX. They showed up on Saturday the 12th and were worked on 80, 20, 15, and 10. TI9XXX was going to try to stay on the island until Apr. 27 but nothing heard here after the 13th. QSL to:

Carlos M. Fonseca Q., TI2CF
BOX 4300
San Jose, Costa Rica

NEW CALEDONIA,,, LX1BW and DJ5CQ showed up as FK0BW (SSB) and FK0CQ (CW) a few days later than their planned starting date of Apr. 20 but they expect the rest of their expedition to be on schedule. Next stops are as in Issue 29: Norfolk Apr. 21-28, then Lord Howe Apr. 28-May 7. QSL to:

Rudi Mueller, DJ5CQ
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Federal Republic of Germany

PACIFIC EXPEDITION by N6DX, JA1BK and N2KK began more-or-less on schedule with 3D2DB. Issue 31 had details. Usual DXing frequencies.

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BANDPASS

Elsewhere	FMØEWT/	TI9CC/28595/16W/12
CE2BET/21099/00E/14	FS/21304/17W/13	VP2EEK/14022/11E/13
CM1RH/14018/05E/16	FY7AN/28610/19W/13	VP2MO/28590/01E/15
CO2PY/28046/14E/19	HI8IARU/14194/01E/17	VP2VAG/14290/22E/16
CP6EB/21288/02C/12	HKØBKX/14015/12E/13	VP2VEG/21018/02C/14
CP6CY/28659/14C/13	HKØBKX/28020/16E/13	VP8SU/14225/16C/15
CX3AL/28010/18C/12	J6LJS/21348/01E/17	VP8WA/21342/01C/15
FY7BF/	PJ7EF/21300/19C/12	VP8AI/28010/22E/13
FG7/14003/23E/12	TG9SM/14201/05E/16	YS9YS/14002/01E/15
FP8HL/14036/21E/18	TI9CC/14195/05W/12	ZP5RG/21308/01E/17
FPØMD/14026/22W/12	TI9JVA/14195/03C/12	K9EF/8R1/28024/18C/12

MORE BRIEF NOTES...

15. Roger Ulsky, KB7JX and his wife Joanie, of Seattle, Washington, are on a year-and-a-half sailing cruise of the Pacific in their 30-foot yacht called "Spot." They hope to operate from Tonga, Cooks, Niue, Phoenix, and Kermadec (!!!) depending on landing facilities and the like. K6FM will handle QSLs.
16. K2BPP, N4ZG, and KØBJ leave for the North Pole on April 26, in company with four sky divers, pilot, co-pilot and two businessmen who have been to the South Pole and want a clean sweep. They expect to be at The Pole April 28 to May 1, operating SSB 5-10 KHz above the General class band edges, and a little CW around 025. That's 3900, 7225, 14275, 21350.
17. On April 9, FCC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (PR Docket No. 80-136) which deals with identification requirements:

"Proposal. 5. The Commission proposes to delete the requirement that amateur radio stations identify the station with which they were in contact for all transmissions except those involving international third party communications."

WARNING! This is not in effect. Interested persons may file comments until July 16, and reply comments can be filed on or before Aug. 15. N4MM and the Potomac Valley Radio Club were instrumental in petitioning the FCC in this matter.

18. The DX Bulletin conducted an informal trophy competition in conjunction with the CQ Worldwide DX Contest last October; the idea was to award a prize to the subscriber working the greatest number of different DXCC countries and CQ zones during each weekend, irrespective of band. Here they are:

WING 130+35=165	WA2AUB 97+30=127	WING won our trophy, using an SB-200 and 4 element Yagi on 15 meters. WA2JOC worked 64 countries using 5 watts input. These are the phone Contest results.
K1TN 100+36=136	SM7DMN 91+31=122	
K9QXY 98+37=135	XE1LLS 87+29=116	
N9AFY 103+32=135	WA4MAV 77+31=108	
K9XJ 94+36=130	WA2JOC 64+19=83	
	WB4WHE 52+16=68	

19. Whenever we refer to "usual frequencies" or "usual DX frequencies" in this publication, we mean the following:

SSB: 3795, 7095, 14195, 21295, 28595
 CW: 7025, 14025, 21025, 28025, 3525

CALENDAR

Dayton Hamvention
Glorioso
Burma
Johnston Island
Norfolk Is.
East Malaysia
Lord Howe
Niue
North Pole
Western Samoa
Comoros
Luxembourg
Wallis Is.
Okino Torishima
All Asia Contest
**Hospitality Suite

This weekend. Are you having a good time? ***
Maybe another day or so. This issue.
VE3FXT may be there now. This issue.
Dave Gardner K6LPL/KH3 until Apr. 27.
VK9NM and VK2DIK/VK9 until Apr. 28; this issue.
9M6MU by INDXF through Apr. 27; see Issue 32.
VK2DIK and VK9NM/VK2 Apr. 28-7 May; Issue 29.
ZK2 by N6DX team, 23-29 April; Issue 31.
N1P by K0BJ, K2BPP and N4ZG, Apr. 28-1 May; this issue.
5W1 by N6DX team, 29 Apr. - 1 May, Issue 31.
Starts about Apr. 25; this issue.
15-19 May, by Noviomagum DX Group (Netherlands).
FW0 by N6DX team, 1-9 May; Issue 31.
Postponed until October; this issue.
CW, 21-22 June.
Michigan DXA and N. ILL. DXA, Stouffer's, room 425.

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HOT NEWS? CALL THE DX BULLETIN: 203-871-6251; LEAVE A MESSAGE!

NOTE: Issue 33 of this publication contained a countries-needed survey sheet to be returned by readers; we have thus far received about 50% of them back. Please take time to fill yours out and mail it in. Many of those received have included comments which we have read, heeded, but may never be able to answer personally. We have noted your accolades, and your criticisms. We see the need for more extensive QSLing information, which will be forthcoming. A system is in the works to process that information as it is received. Meanwhile, we will publish as much as possible. The Bulletin receives no outside assistance from any local club or organization; it is the bulletin of its readers. Thanks for your assistance.

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